

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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ERICA RICHARDSON,

Plaintiff,

-against-

**ORDER  
CV-15-2367 (JBW)**

STATEN ISLAND UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL,  
et al.,

Defendants.

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Gold, S., U.S. Magistrate Judge:

Plaintiff, represented by counsel, brings this case alleging claims of employment discrimination, hostile work environment and retaliation. Plaintiff has filed a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, or “IFP”. Docket Entry 2.

A court may authorize a plaintiff to commence a suit without paying a filing fee if she submits an affidavit detailing her income and assets and demonstrates that she is unable to make the payment. Whether a plaintiff qualifies for IFP status rests with the court’s discretion. *Pinede v. New York City Dept. of Environmental Protection*, 2013 WL 1410380, at \*2 (E.D.N.Y. Apr. 8, 2013); *DiGianni v. Pearson Educ.*, 2010 WL 1741373, at \*1 (E.D.N.Y. Apr. 30, 2010).

Having reviewed the financial disclosures made by plaintiff on her application, I find that she has failed to establish her inability to pay the court’s \$400 filing fee. Plaintiff is gainfully employed, earning \$2,176 monthly. Plaintiff’s rent is only \$650 per month. Plaintiff has more than \$1000 in her checking account and more than \$25,000 in investments. Based on these facts, plaintiff’s motion is denied. Plaintiff is directed to pay the court’s filing fee by May 15, 2015.

**SO ORDERED.**

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/s/  
**STEVEN M. GOLD  
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

April 28, 2015  
Brooklyn, New York